

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Bob Lake, on January 18, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bob Lake, Chairman (R)
Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Jon Sonju, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Edward Hilbert (R)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Bill Nooney (R)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 216, 1/10/2007; HB 243,
1/11/2007

HEARING ON HB 243

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:07 Rep. Brady Wiseman (D), HD 65, opened the hearing on HB
243, Increase amount of homestead exemption.

[EXHIBIT\(tah12a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah12a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:07:40 Rep. Lambert
00:11:23 Rep. Butcher
00:12:09 Chairman Lake
00:12:49 Jeff Martin, Legislative Services Division
00:13:08 Rep. Wiseman

Closing by Sponsor:

00:13:41 Rep. Brady Wiseman

HEARING ON HB 216

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:14:25 Rep. Franke Wilmer (D), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB
216, Increase residential energy alternative energy tax
credit.

[EXHIBIT\(tah12a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah12a04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:24:20 Patrick Judge, representing Montana Environmental
Information Center

EXHIBIT (tah12a05)

00:30:49 David Scrimm

00:33:33 Jackie Boyle, representing AARP Montana

00:35:11 Pat Dopler, Owner, Dopler Glass, previously Dopler
Solar Alternative Energy, Red Lodge

00:36:34 Paul Arnot, Bozeman resident

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:48:25 Brian Olsen, Individual Income Tax Specialist, Montana
Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:48:45 Rep. Lambert

00:51:15 Rep. Ross

00:54:10 Rep. Jopek

00:57:25 Rep. McAlpin

00:59:40 Rep. Butcher

01:06:00 Rep. Vincent

01:09:46 Rep. Butcher

01:10:34 Rep. Erickson

01:12:40 Rep. Sonju

01:18:00 Rep. Jopek

01:19:31 Rep. Ross

01:22:08 Rep. MacLaren

01:22:37 Rep. Butcher

01:24:35 Rep. MacLaren

01:29:26 Rep. Butcher

01:30:16 Rep. Cohenour

Closing by Sponsor:

01:30:44 Rep. Franke Wilmer

ADJOURNMENT

01:35:17

Adjournment: 9:40 A.M.

REP. BOB LAKE, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tah12aad.pdf](#))